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In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1631

Serial No. 09/718,425

Examiner: Marschel, Ardin H.

Filed: November 24, 2000

For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PREDICTING AMINO ACID SEQUENCES  
COMPATIBLE WITH A SPECIFIED THREE DIMENSIONAL  
STRUCTURE**

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

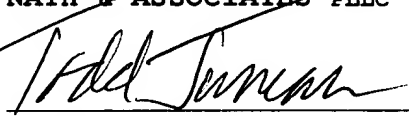
- (1) Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Copy of PTO Form-90C;
- (3) Submission of Formal Drawings;
- (4) Four (4) pages of drawings (Figures 1, 2, 3, and 6).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any excess to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

Respectfully submitted,

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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The communication, filed on 11/10/03, is non-responsive to the prior Office action, mailed 5/8/03, because the Drawings, filed 11/10/03, still contain characters of insufficient height as objected to on the Form 948, mailed with the office action, mailed 5/8/03. Numbers, letters, etc. on Figures 1, 2, 3, and 6 are approximately 0.25 cm in height rather than at least 0.32 cm in height. Also, the abscissa numbering in Figure 6 utilizes numbers of less than 0.2 cm in height. The subscripts of Figure 3 are also well shorter than this height criteria. It is regretted that this was not seen during the mailing of the previous office action, mailed 1/29/04, however is deemed to better make a correction now rather than delay a likely eventual issuance of a Patent from this application. Since the response appears to be bona fide, but through an apparent oversight or inadvertence failed to provide a complete response, applicant is required to complete the response within a time limit of one month from the date of this letter or as extended as follows. AN EXTENSION OF THIS TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 C.F.R. ' 1.136(a) OR (b) UP TO A MAXIMUM OF SIX MONTHS.

Papers related to this application may be submitted to Technical Center 1600 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Technical Center 1600 via the Central PTO Fax Center. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notices published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1988), 1156 OG 61 (November 16, 1993), and 1157 OG 94 (December 28, 1993)(See 37 CFR § 1.6(d)). The Central PTO Fax Center number is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ardin Marschel, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (571) 272-0718. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Woodward, Ph.D., can be reached on (571) 272-0722.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to Legal Instrument Examiner, Tina Plunkett, whose telephone number is (571) 272-0549.

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**SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS**

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Sir:

In accordance with the Office communication dated May 4, 2004, requiring new Formal Drawings to include changes required by the attached PTO Form-90C, formal drawings are filed herewith. It is submitted that these drawings obviate all of the objections to the drawings in said Office communication.

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